Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Physical	Financial (Rs. in '000)
C. RECREATION			
18.	Organisation of social sports activities	10	33
19.	Exhibition of films	53	13
20.	Workers visiting Holiday home	3337	1170
E. HOUSING			
21.	BYOHS (Sub.)	3988	44734
22.	BYOHS (Loan)	1167	6185
23.	Housing for economically weaker section	2795	14391
24.	Construction of Godown/workshed	1	75

Countrywide strike Against Anti-Workers Policy

4198. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a call for country-wide strike for 11th May, 2000 has been given to protest "anti-workers" policies and programmes of the World Trade Organisation;

(b) the Government's views in regard to the impact of liberalisation on the rights and interest of labour; and

(c) the measures taken to persuade trade unions to call off the proposed strike in view of misinformation spread with regard to liberalisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has emphasised that the worker's unions should be consulted/taken into confidence while formulating policies that may have an impact on rights and interest of workers as a result of liberalisation.

(c) The Government has initiated action to avert the proposed strike through conciliation.

Manisana Wage Board

4199. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Manisana Wage Board report for the new newspaper industry has been delayed, inordinately : and

(b) whether his Ministry would indicate a time frame for submitting the report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) The Government constituted two Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-journalist newspaper and new-agency employees on 2-9-94 under the common Chairmanship of Justice Rajkumar Manisana Singh for fixing and revising the rates of wases of newspaper and news-agency employees. No time frame was fixed for submission of the report.

The Wage Board submitted tentative proposals to the Government on 21-12-99 which were published in the official Gazette on 30-12-99 inviting comments from the concerned parties and also to seek oral hearing, if desired, within 6 weeks. In response, 72 parties submitted comments and as many as 42 parties requested for oral hearing. Oral hearings on comments/objections in respect of tentative proposals were completed in three rounds i.e. February, 22—25, 2000, March 14—17, 2000 and March 27—31, 2000. Thereafter, the first meeting of the Wage Boards was held during 17th to 20th April, 2000 to finalise the report. The next meeting of the Wage Board has been fixed at Mumbai on 9-5-2000.

Meanwhile, the Indian Newspaper Society has filed a Writ Petition in Delhi High Court against tentative proposals. The matter is listed for hearing on 9-5-2000. The completion of the proceedings of the Wage Board will, thus, depend on the outcome of the Writ Petition. Under these circumstances, the Wage Boards have sought some more time to submit the final report.

National Policy to Abolish Child Labour

4200. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any national policy to abolish the child labour from different states of the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;